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Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in the report of the Second Committee on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s (A/54/587/Add.6)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 48th and 50th meetings, on 17 and 23 December 1999, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/54/43) of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in the report of the Second Committee on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s (A/54/587/Add.6). The Committee also had before it a letter dated 16 December 1999 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/54/44). The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally by its Chairman.

2. Statements and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/54/SR.48 and 50).

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Decision of the Fifth Committee

3. The Fifth Committee decided to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution contained in the report of the Second Committee on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s (A/54/587/Add.6), additional requirements of $646,400 would arise in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 under section 11A, Trade and development ($616,400), and section 26, Public information ($30,000). These requirements would represent a charge against the contingency fund and would be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

4. The Committee recalled General Assembly resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, in which it reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibility for administrative and budgetary matters.

5. The Committee also decided to inform the General Assembly that, in addition, the convening in New York of the intergovernmental preparatory committee of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, away from its established headquarters, would constitute an exemption to paragraph 4, section I, of General Assembly resolution 40/243.